

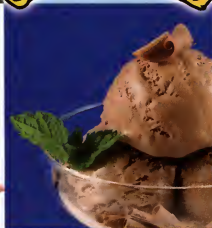
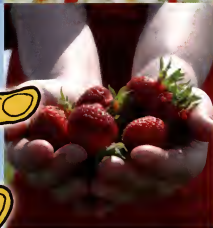
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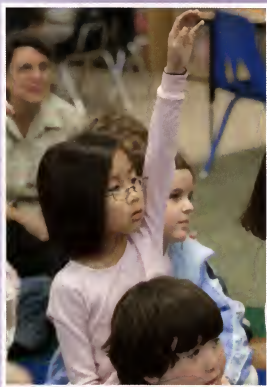
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ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

Where can you find a rainy-day refuge that will exhaust your kids without exhausting your wallet? Or a berry farm that keeps the little ones entertained while you pick away? How about a science outing that will spark a kid's burgeoning interest in everything from physics to planets? These are the questions that fuel parents' days, and the answers are as invaluable as free child care. Luckily, via the Golden Teddy Awards, our readers share their collective wisdom on best local activities for families. So here it is: the best local spots for keeping kids entertained and exploring throughout the year.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Magic shows are hilarious, educational and as enthralling for adults as they are for kids. That's what you're telling us about **Jeff Evans** (simplymagic.org), a favorite local magician who specializes in highly engaging interactive shows that he'll customize for any audience. "Best I've seen in years, and I'm no spring chicken," says one reader. "Best magician ever," enthuses another.

Finalists

Xakary the Magician (xakary.com), who offers a guaranteed good time at his shows, has also stolen your kids' hearts with his first-class birthday parties that inspire "magic and wonder," says one reader.

Run by Kelly Hughes ("Miss Kelly" to your kids), **Tangerine Tales** (tangerinetales.com) is a small business that has elevated face painting to an art form; her puppet shows and fairy visits also compel raves. Says one parent: "Incredibly talented children's entertainer. Can hold the attention of the adults as well as the kids."

Louie Foxx (louiefoxx.com) and "his one-man sideshow" always shows up somewhere near the top of the entertainment category, and for good reason: "The adults had more fun than the kids if that's possible," says one pleased parent. Readers also cite his inspired illusions and general hilarity.

It's hard to imagine this list without our local king of kids' pop rock, **Caspar Baby pants** (babypantrmusic.com). The rock star turned kindie performer is prolific, fresh and surprising, penning catchy, smartly written pop songs that will get your kids singing and swaying. His live performances are a blast for kids and parents alike.



 **WINNER**
JEFF EVANS

GEEK FUN



 **WINNER**
PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER

If you aren't a geek (or at least a lover of science) already, spend a day at **Pacific Science Center** (pacificsciencecenter.org) and you'll be hooked. From roaring dinos to a planetarium that will leave kids starstruck, and from the Tropical Butterfly House to the Wellbody Academy, Pacific Science Center delivers science and wonder daily. Kids will love creating in the Tinker Tank (formerly known as The Lab), a maker's space. Don't miss the smaller bug and animal exhibits: "Nothing is cooler than holding a cockroach and watching naked mole rats escape!"

Finalists

Located at the back of Bellevue's Factoria Mall in a space jam-packed with fun activities, **KidsQuest Children's Museum's** trademark (kidsquestmuseum.org) is hands-on exploration. Kids experience science in action by playing with water, "driving" a truck, shooting scarves in the air, building structures and climbing into a tree house. "My kid learns something new each time we go."

Olympia's **Hands On Children's Museum** (hocom.org), sitting pretty in its huge new space on East Bay, is also beloved for its, well, hands-on fun, from an outdoor fort-building area to a crane that kids can operate to a unique treetop climber/slide that encourages kids to imagine they're a Pacific Northwest raindrop. "Lots of making, tinkering, building and creating for the whole family!" >>>



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"Sci fi and fantasy, and Jimi Hendrix all under one roof," raves a reader of **EMP Museum** (empmuseum.org), which might be the truest haven of geekery that we have. Ground zero is the "Icons of Science Fiction" exhibit, featuring artifacts such as the command chair from *Star Trek* and Christopher Reeve's Superman costume.

RAINY-DAY FUN



winner

WIGGLEWORKS KIDS

Now with two locations (Puyallup and Bellevue), **WiggleWorks Kids** (wiggleworkskids.com) is a spotless, moving playscape designed for kids shorter than 4 feet. Kids can swing on giant balls, chase balloons, run, hop and wiggle away. Parents praise the inviting spaces ("Warm, bright, and they are always cleaning, even as the kids play"), the reasonable prices and the design — small enough to watch two kids, big enough to provide lots of variety. Wee wigglers get their own space.

Finalists

Lynnwood's **Playdate Café** (playdatecafe.biz) continues its meteoric rise in the hearts of Puget Sound-area parents. Its bright, 2,000-square-foot play space for kids ages 0-6 stars a bouncy house, custom-made play town, toys to ride on and a gated area for the littlest set. Parents can check their email and sip a Caffè Ladro latte nearby, or order up some fresh, organic food from the café ("superhealthy!").

"Cozy, clean, great classes"; Just one of the reasons **HappyNest Play Centers** (happynestplaycenters.com) in Redmond remains a perennial Golden Teddy pick. It's beloved for the Wi-Fi and coffee bar, and the variety of activities, from foam structures for infants to play cars for toddlers to gym equipment and dramatic play props for older kids.

The only downside to a visit to **Xtreme Bounce of Fun** (xtremebounceoffun.com) is getting the kiddos to leave, warns one reader. Located in The Outlet Collection Seattle (formerly SuperMall) in Auburn, this play area is also optimized for kids 48 inches and shorter; its swinging, bouncing, sliding structures are designed to get kids moving (can you say nap-ready?).

Bellevue's **KidsQuest Children's Museum** (kidsquestmuseum.org) is another star in the Eastside's galaxy of rainy-day spaces. Bonus: Kids will be learning even as they float boats, drive trucks or climb into a tree house. (And you can do some shopping at Factoria on your way out.)

BIRTHDAY VENUES



winner

TANGERINE TALES

Glitter tattoos, fanciful face painting, a fairy-tale storytelling package complete with fairy dust and lots of participation: These are just a few of the options that **Tangerine Tales** (run by Kelly Hughes, tangerinetales.com) can offer as part of the signature birthday party entertainment that she brings to you. "Miss Kelly's personalized storytelling is fantastic!" raves a parent, echoing many other pleased birthday customers. Kelly gained fame at the Ballard Farmers Market, where she regularly did face-painting at a spot in front of Clover Toys.

Finalists

WiggleWorks Kids (wiggleworkskids.com) is as well-liked for its fun, easy-party experience as its playscapes for the under-48-inches set. The separate party room is perfect, say parents, the package a good value, and the party hosts awesome (shout-out to party host Isaiah).

A birthday party staffed by enthusiastic coaches? That's just one of the perks of a party at **Great Play** (greatplay.com) in Redmond, which one

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reader calls "the Nordstrom of party places" for its excellent customer service. Kids will run, jump, play, learn, eat and become exhausted. Amen.

Playdate Café (playdatecafe.biz) in Lynnwood is as adored for its parties as its play space. "Excellent food and beverages, great activities, party rooms are supercute." "Flawless execution." "Didn't have to lift a finger." We're sold.

HappyNest Play Centers (happynestplaycenters.com) in Redmond also wins party raves. Parents gave kudos for the staff's help in designing a theme and creating the perfect party atmosphere. "It's not overwhelming, and kids can have fun and relax here without going into superhyper, overstimulated mode."

The staff at **Xtreme Bounce of Fun** (xtremebounceoffun.com) in Auburn (honey bear mascot included) makes sure everyone is smiling at the party, readers say. "The staff is fantastic and ensures everyone has fun."

FARM FUN + U-PICK

Once again, we give a berry deep bow to **Remlinger Farms** (remlingerfarms.com), the Carnation farm that is part amusement park

(with miniature roller coaster, steam train, canoe river, pony rides and more), part berry patch, part petting zoo and all awesome fun. "You can't beat the hayride! And the pies are out of this world!" raves one reader. Others praise the all-inclusive rates — at the Family Fun Park, the mini rides and the easy-picking berries for little fingers. Oh, right, the berries: strawberries in June; raspberries in July; and blueberries in July and August. And, of course, pumpkins in the fall.

Finalists

Craven Farm (cravenfarm.com), a small, kid-friendly farm in Snohomish, shines in the fall, with a 15-acre corn maze, farm animals to visit and many varieties of pumpkins to pick. Readers cite the farm's tot friendliness (look for the weekly toddler time), its affordability and its staff — "amazing with kids."

The fact that **Kelsey Creek Farm Park** (myparksandrecreation.com/ParksTrails) was a U-pick finalist even though it doesn't actually offer U-pick shows how beloved the city-owned Bellevue farm park is among local families. It boasts lovely trails, a playground, a climbing tractor and — the heart of the farm — a bevy of animals that kids can observe up close, from sheep and goats to chickens, pigs and ponies.

"Great berry picking in the city," says one reader of **Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm** (ci.bellevue.wa.us/blueberry_farm.htm), and indeed that sums up its magical formula. Located just minutes from downtown Bellevue, the 1940s-era farm offers rows and rows of U-pick blueberries, grown with natural



WINNER
REMLINGER FARMS

farming practices, from mid-July to September. Bonus: Pick up the rest of your produce at Bill Pace Fruit and Produce, situated at the same location.

Nestled against a stunning backdrop of Squak and Tiger mountains, **Fox Hollow Farm** (foxhollowfamilyfarm.com), a family farm and equestrian center in Issaquah, offers "so many fun things for kids to do, surrounded by the happiest, most affectionate farm animals I've ever met," says a reader. Kids can ride ponies, pet baby animals, choo-choo on a mini train, pedal a miniature John Deere tractor, splash in Issaquah Creek and hide out in farm village playhouses. Fall attractions include a pumpkin patch.

Want to pick apples and pumpkins on the same day? Head to **The Farm at Swan's Trail** (thefarm1.com) along the Snohomish River, a multi-tasking fall standout that offers a 45-acre pumpkin patch, a U-pick apple orchard, nine-hole putting course, flashlight maze, duck and pig races, and a corn maze in the shape of Washington state. "Awesome local farm for families and weddings."

Beloved by South Sounders, **Spooner Farms** (spoonerberries.com) in the Puyallup Valley harvests and sells eight kinds of berries in the summer, and lets you harvest 47 varieties of pumpkins, as well as gourds and squash, in the fall. Don't miss the duck races and pumpkin slingshot. 🍁

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Fox Hollow Farm
Kelsey Creek Farm Park
Mercer Slough Blueberry Farm
Spooner Farms

*URBAN NATURE EXPERIENCES

winner Discovery Park

Finalists:

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Carkeek Park
Mercer Slough Nature Park
Rattlesnake Lake
Saint Edward State Park
Woodland Park Zoo

*WATER PLAYPARKS + POOLS

winner Lynnwood

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SWIMMING LESSONS



WINNER
STROUM JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER

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(SJCC; sjcc.org) continues its multiyear reign as tops in the swimming category. Your votes flowed in for the "J," which offers aquatics programs for babies to adults at its Mercer Island pool. Voters praise the "great teachers," calling them "experienced" and "engaging." One parent appreciates the facility's "safe and fun environment," and another calls it "the best place in our area for after-school care, camps and classes." Among myriad other family and recreational programs, the J's aquatics program has camps, parent-and-tot lessons, plus group, one-on-one and adult swim instruction. SJCC programs are open to all.

Finalists

You love **Safe N Sound Swimming's** (snsswim.com) one-on-one lessons, as demonstrated by your votes. Parents appreciate how the short, individual lessons pack in a lot of progress, and one voter raves that "the instructors are fabulous." Safe N Sound offers other programs, including summer camps, pool rentals and family swims at its Seattle location near Lake Union.

Generations of kids have learned to swim at the local **YMCA** (seattleymca.org, ymcapkc.org, ymca-sno.co.org) and, according to your votes, the tradition continues in 2014. With YMCA branches all over King, Pierce, Kitsap and Snohomish counties, it's no wonder voters laud Y swim lessons as "close to home" and "affordable." One proud parent says, "Supernice teachers really improved my son's swimming." YMCA locations around the Sound offer a variety of aquatics programs, among many other recreational, fitness, child-care and camp opportunities for all ages.

Waterbabies Aquatic Program

(waterbabiesusa.com) and **7C's Swim School** (7cswimschool.com) round out your favorites in the swim category. One voter praises Waterbabies for its lessons for wee ones, citing "excellent swim instruction starting much earlier than most swim programs." A 7C's fan praises how its instructors "pay special attention to helping each child feel comfortable and confident" in the water. Waterbabies gives lessons at six different pools in the region; the 7C's facility is located in Bothell.

DANCE PROGRAMS



WINNER
CREATIVE DANCE CENTER

You used every superlative in the book to describe **Creative Dance Center** (CDC; creativdance.org), and your heaps of votes crowned it the winner in this category. CDC's classes connect dance, movement and creativity with brain development. This unique approach, including CDC's signature Brain Dance, has had an impact on you. Many voters cite the instructors, calling them "fabulous" and "amazing." You also like the "inclusive environment." Reflecting the comments of many parents, one proclaims it a "truly phenomenal program for all children that focuses on brain development and the whole child." CDC offers a variety of classes at its North Seattle studio for parents and tots, young children, teens and adults.

Finalists

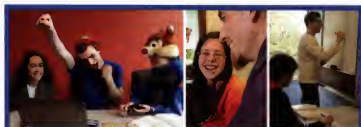
All That Dance (all-that-dance.com) earned your enthusiasm for its "great teachers" and classes that are "lots of fun." The Seattle studio offers instruction in ballet, jazz, tap, modern, ballroom, Irish, hip-hop and more at its Wedgwood and Greenwood locations. Instructors at All That Dance strive to help individuals of any age and skill level to find the right class, in what one voter calls "a supportive and inclusive environment." >>

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You like both the classes and camps presented by the **Pacific Northwest Ballet School** (pnb.org/pnbschool). A variety of programs offered at the school's Seattle and Bellevue locations provide instruction to young children, teens and even young dancers aiming for a professional career in dance. Little wonder that one voter lauds the school, connected to our region's premier ballet company, as having "very disciplined dance and instruction." Another commenter liked the inclusion of classes for boys.

Seattle's **Illumination Learning Studio** (illuminationlearningstudio.com) earned your votes for its variety of arts-focused classes, including dance. One parent commends the "great teacher, passionate about teaching different styles of dance for all kids to enjoy." Illumination also offers parent-and-tot classes, piano instruction, an after-school program, preschool and summer camps.

It sounds like lots of you are taking lots of classes with your wee ones, and **Sunshine Music Together** (sunshinemusictogether.com) is your fave. One parent's enthusiastic sentiment — "Most fun I have with my child all week!" — was echoed many times among voter comments. Sunshine Music Together's classes involve tots from newborn to age 5 and their caregivers in interactive music and rhythm exploration. More raves extolled the "excellent teachers." One fan proclaims that Sunshine Music "has it all: singing, music, play and a wonderful parent-child bonding experience." Sunshine Music Together offers regular classes in multiple locations, including Seattle, Lynnwood and Redmond.

Finalists

Sponge (spongeschool.com) soaked up your votes for its classes in Spanish, French, Mandarin, Japanese and Hindi. Voter comments include this thorough praise: "Sponge offers a unique, fun and engaging approach to language learning for babies and children..."

INFANT + TODDLER CLASSES



SUNSHINE MUSIC TOGETHER

and it's really fun for parents, too!" Sponge offers classes for babies to age 4 with their grownups and "just kids" classes for ages 3-5, plus camps and elementary programs.

Teacher Jana of **Music for Everyone** (musicforevery1.com) earned your votes as an "amazing" teacher with a "beautiful voice." Parents praise her ability to engage little ones with fun and interactive songs while teaching real musical concepts. One states, "Jana Vitols has a gift for teaching music in a way that makes everyone smile and feel that they belong." Music for Everyone offers parent-and-tot (ages 2-5) classes in North and South Seattle locations.

Hop to Signaroo

(hop2signaroo.com) might be the very first parent-and-tot class parents take with their babies, and you love it. Hop to Signaroo teaches American Sign Language to hearing families, allowing communication with babies as young as 5 months. One voter calls the signs she learned "amazing for reducing frustration for babies and parents," and another says that instructor Nancy "knows her stuff."

MUSIC PROGRAMS

Sunshine Music Together

(sunshinemusictogether.com) notices another Golden Teddy win into its belt, thanks to your flood of enthusiastic votes. Sunshine Music Together's mixed-age, interactive parent-and-tot classes develop natural music appreciation in kids, and you enjoy the classes as much as your children do. "Of all our classes, I believe this one to be the most beneficial," says one parent. "My toddler hasn't been able to stop singing since the first lesson!" shares another. Classes offer a "stellar curriculum" says one voter, and are "very engaging for all types of learners."

Music for Everyone

(musicforevery1.com) instructor Jana Vitols "is an amazing teacher combining music fundamentals and play." So says one among many voters bubbling with praise for Music for Everyone's engaging classes. You also like that the classes are experiential, with Vitols playing various string and percussion instruments, which she invites kids to strum and play. One voter claims the classes are "what every child needs; a place to feel safe and welcome and have fun with music."

Four programs round out your top picks in the music category. At **Illumination Learning Studio** (illuminationlearningstudio.com), you like the "well-rounded music curriculum" and "supportive learning environment."

Kindermusik (kindermusik.com) classes "really engage little ones and are fun for parents, too." **Seattle's Littlest Performers**

(seattleslittlestperformers.com) "makes music from stories accessible to all kids." And at Northwest Girlchoir (northwestgirlchoir.org), you appreciate that instructors "care about each child." >>



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camp + classes



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OVERNIGHT CAMPS



**winner
CAMP SEALTH**

At nearly 100 years old, **Camp Sealth** (campsealth.org) continues to delight 21st-century kids, and your votes are the proof. "I could go on for forever about Camp Sealth!" proclaims one parent. Located on Vashon Island, Camp Sealth offers day and overnight camps with all the classic camp activities, such as arts and crafts, horseback riding, swimming, campfires, sports, making new friends and more. Camp Sealth meets kids where they are, offering an "array of activities for all campers" and "integrated inclusion." One pleased parent says Camp Sealth "supports kids in trying new things, building social skills and connecting to the outdoors," all in "an oasis away from city worries and noises."

Finalists

The word you used more than once to describe **Wilderness Awareness School** (wildernessawareness.org)? "Inspiring." Duvall-based Wilderness Awareness School teaches kids to appreciate — and survive in — the wild. Day camps and programs for young kids begin with basic skills, while overnight camps for teens impart serious survivalist techniques. One voter likes how the school "teaches the kids to look inward and see how they move and think

differently in the natural world without any modern-day distractions."

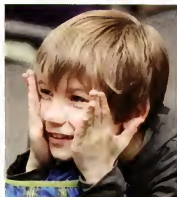
Girl Scout Camp Robbinswood

(girlscoutsww.org) reaped heaps of your votes for its beautiful waterfront facility and "magical" overnight camps for girls. You love Robbinswood's "caring counselors," who help girls "explore the natural world, go swimming and make great friends!" In addition to playing outside, campers are invited to "step up and embody strength, leadership and joy," says one parent. No prior experience as a Girl Scout is necessary to attend Camp Robbinswood.

YMCA Camp Orkila

(seattleymca.org) welcomes campers entering third grade and higher to its scenic spot on Orcas Island. Parents appreciate not only the "gorgeous location" and "amazing staff," but also how well this camp is run, with one reader proclaiming that "the Y is completely dialed in on all facets of coordination, education and fun." Kids love Orkila's traditional camps as well as specialty weeks, with themes ranging from horseback riding to skateboarding.

AFTER-SCHOOL + ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS



**winner
SPONGE**

Sponge (spongeschool.com) sparks ripe young minds with foreign language exposure, and your votes indicate this polyglot language school is hitting the mark. Sponge covers the bases, delivering classes in Spanish, Japanese, Mandarin, Hindi and French at locations around the Sound, plus in a dozen area elementary schools. One voter points out that "learning a new language has proven to help children in so many other academic areas." And, she adds, "My kids are proof!" Sponge classes engage bodies and minds in learning a new language and "dynamic teachers incorporate music, movement, play, culture, literacy and more," raves one voter. Another describes the native-speaker instructors as having "incredible energy and stamina." And the kids? They're having loads of fun.

Finalists

Seattle's renowned Pacific Science

Center (pacificsciencecenter.org) earned your votes for delivering "awesome, intriguing science curriculum" to kids across our region. It's hard to count the ways in which Pacific Science Center endeavors to spread science and wonder, through its after-school programs, camps, field trips, workshops, teen programs and other activities. Kids love the "creative" and "hands-on nature" of classes and camps. It's so fun, there's no need to remind them they're learning.

You voted **Illumination Learning Studio** (illuminationlearningstudio.com) a finalist for its arts- and academics-focused after-school program. Voters like that the program includes music and drama, fitness and movement, and homework help. One pleased parent describes it as a "smart alternative to play-based learning." Illumination accepts students from a host of North Seattle schools to its after-school program and offers other classes and lessons in music, dance and the arts. ★

camps + classes



SWIMMING LESSONS

winner Stroom Jewish
Community Center
Finalists:
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DANCE PROGRAMS

winner Creative Dance Center
Finalists:
All That Dance

Illumination Learning Studio
Pacific Northwest Ballet School

INFANT + TODDLER CLASSES

winner Sunshine Music

Together

Finalists:
Hop to Signaroo
Music for Everyone
Sponge

MUSIC PROGRAMS

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Seattle's Littlest Performers

OVERNIGHT CAMPS

winner Camp Sealth

Finalists:

Girl Scout Camp Robbinswood
Wilderness Awareness School
YMCA Camp Orkila

AFTER-SCHOOL +

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS

winner Sponge

Finalists:

Illumination Learning Studio
Pacific Science Center

*ART + CREATIVE CLASSES

winner Roaring Mouse

Creative Arts Studio

Finalists:

Arts Aloft
Early Masters
IslandWood
KidsQuest Children's Museum
The Studio
Thrive Art School
Young at Art in West Seattle

*NATURE OR ENVIRONMENTAL CAMPS

winner Wilderness Awareness School

Finalists:

Camp Robbinswood
Camp Sealth
IslandWood

*THEATER PROGRAMS

winner Seattle Children's

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Finalists:

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ParentMap readers are delightfully opinionated, and no more so than when stacked against a field of restaurants, grocers and a diverse assortment of food purveyors. Not just any fool can feed our babies! Read on to discover the best eats for family fun day, pizza for the team, treats for our sweets, weekend breakfast, cultural eats and more. We proudly present our readers' favorite haunts for sipping and sipping — family style.

PIZZA



WINNER
TUTTA BELLA
NEAPOLITAN PIZZERIA

A longtime Seattle-area favorite, **Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria** (tuttabella.com) continues to shine for its family-friendly atmosphere. With five locations in Seattle, Bellevue and Issaquah, this celebrated pizzeria lures locals with its wood-fired "authentic" pies, "awesome happy-hour deals," creative table activities and open kitchen views. Bonus: The lively setting easily drowns out any pre-pizza tantrums, making it a win-win for parents and fellow diners alike.

Finalists

Boasting 10 locations in the Seattle area, **Mod Pizza** (modpizza.com) is relatively new to the scene, but quickly climbing in rank with parents on the go. Set in modern, minimalist venues, these counter-service pizza shops are a top choice among families for their superspeedy and "completely customizable" wood-fired pies, affordable prices and healthy topping choices.

As last year's Golden Teddy winner, **Zeeks Pizza** (zeekspizza.com) continues to stay on the radar as a top pick for families. With 11 locations in the Puget Sound area, Zeeks is a neighborhood go-to featuring creative signature pies, "special pizzas for little tykes with allergies," party space and dine-in adult beverages. Whether you're in need of a delivery, an afternoon slice or a quick pickup, Zeeks is a reliable choice for families craving hand-tossed cheesy goodness.

Located in Seattle's Madrona neighborhood, **Pritty Boys Family Pizzeria** (prittypizza.com) serves up hearty signature pies, slices and other Italian staples. Complete with a play area for tots and an arcade room for older kids, this popular family-friendly destination also offers high-definition television for sports lovers, and a beer-and-wine menu for parents in need of some R&R.

Peppering the Puget Sound region with a range of locations, **The Rock** (therockwfp.com) is a solid choice for Neapolitan-style pies and wood-fired casual grub. Offering "pizza dough to play with" at the table, sports-broadcasting TVs galore and a robust drink selection, this bustling family of pizzerias is a staple for families in need of a night out.

DOUGHNUTS



WINNER
TOP POT DOUGHNUTS

Revered as having "the best doughnuts this side of the Mississippi," **Top Pot** (toppotdoughnuts.com) takes home the win this year for its delicious array of fresh, hand made offerings. Now with 16 locations throughout the Puget Sound area, these trendy cafes serve up espresso drinks and a colorful assortment of treats for cake and doughnut lovers big and small. Parents love the "quiet atmosphere for sleeping babies," half-price day-old selection and fast, friendly service.

Finalists

Featuring vegan doughnuts "without some of the noxious ingredients" you'd find in store-bought competitors, **Mighty-O Donuts** (mightyoyo.com) is a resounding favorite among local families. Located in Seattle's funky Tangletown neighborhood, this pint-size bakeshop offers delicious organic treats that everyone can get behind. Parents rave about its great locale for "people watching," "supernice staff," healthier options and "kid-friendly atmosphere."

A celebrated pit stop for doughnut lovers worldwide, the **Krispy Kreme Doughnuts** (krispykreme.com) chain continues to draw crowds with its doughy delectables. Local parents on the go love being able to hit up the drive-through, while others can't help but stop when the "Free" sign is lit (who can resist?). As an added bonus, kids can see the doughnuts being made while waiting for a fresh batch at the counter.

Named for its "delicious and innovative" treats, **Frost** doughnuts (frostology.com) in Mill Creek is a staple for local families and foodies alike. >>



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Showcasing a wide variety of creative flavors, including bourbon, bacon and Butterfinger, this cheerful gourmet doughnut shop has plenty to offer for those with adventurous sweet teeth.

TREAT SHOPS



winner

STUFFED CAKES

Once again, **Stuffed Cakes** (stuffedcakes.com) reigns supreme for its imaginative artisanal treats. Owned by a local mom specializing in "small cakes packed with personality," this charming West Seattle bakery offers a wide range of creatively flavored cakes stuffed with sweet fillings in both mini and shareable sizes. Hailed by readers as a "vegan and gluten-free paradise," this bakery is also noted as having the "friendliest staff in town."

Finalists

Known for its hip, kid-friendly atmosphere, **Cupcake Royale** (cupcakeroyle.com) is a long-standing favorite for Seattle-area families. Serving up a variety of seasonal flavors and positively adorable babycakes, Cupcake Royale offers seven shops in Seattle and Bellevue — and continues to sweeten the deal with house-made ice cream, great happy-hour deals and espresso drinks.

Another celebrated pick among local families, **Trophy Cupcakes & Party** (trophycupcakes.com) features a variety of classic and themed desserts made with gourmet ingredients (including gluten-free options). Noted for being "moist and delicious," Trophy treats are sold at four locations in Seattle and Bellevue, with on-site party goodies and adorable toppers to boot.

Adored for its one-of-a-kind "adult and kid-sized treats," **Bakery Nouveau** (bakerynouveau.com) commands quite the following with its daily offerings of gourmet chocolates, desserts, classic pastries and lunch fare. With two Seattle locations, the bakery is touted by readers as the "best, best" for "delicious confections that make your mouth water and the little one's eyes light up!"

ICE CREAM

If you can smell the scent of freshly made waffle cones and see a line, most likely you're close to one of **Molly Moon's** (mollymoonicecream.com) six Seattle ice cream shops. Established scoop mainstays for many Seattle families, these modern parlors feature an "exceptional" variety of house-made seasonal ice creams, including the celebrated salted caramel and the balsamic strawberry. And, with all ice creams made fresh daily with locally sourced ingredients, it's easy to understand why families are happy to queue up around the block.

Finalists

"Weird" ice cream flavors, draft brews, regular live bands and vintage arcade games keep **Full Tilt Ice Cream's** (fulltilticecream.com) four Seattle locations abuzz with cool kids and adults. Offering all-natural ice creams with whimsical flavors (and vegan offerings) such as salted popcorn and peanut butter Sriracha, these hip scoop shops are well loved for their down-to-earth atmosphere.

With a variety of locations dotting the local landscape, it's easy to see why **Menchie's Frozen Yogurt** (menchies.com) is a popular and convenient destination for local families. Boasting a large selection of innovative, low-fat flavors with fresh fruit toppings, sauces, syrups and sprinkles, these self-serve fro-yo shops are a downright perfect pick for "fussy eaters" who like to customize their own treats. Parents especially love the "color-changing spoons," "fun kid freebies" and dairy-free offerings. >>



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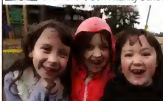
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With its three modern self-serve locations in the Seattle area, **Zoëyogurt** (zoeyogurt.com) earns high honors for its creamy low-fat fro-yo, dairy-free sorbets and endless array of toppings. Locally owned and operated, this chainlet provides punch cards for families that can't get enough, as well as 100 percent compostable bowls and spoons, which make it an excellent eco-friendly stop-off to boot!

BREAKFAST SPOTS



winner THE ORIGINAL PANCAKE HOUSE

Founded in Portland, this national chain eatery offers five locations in the Puget Sound area. Dubbed as the very best for its wide selection of pancake dishes and traditional, home-style breakfasts, **The Original Pancake House** (originalpancakehouse.com) is a favorite (and a classic!) choice for families far and wide. Parents love that there's always "something for everyone" on the menu and that it offers a bustling atmosphere "the kids can be crazy in." Along with its friendly service, it's easy to see why this old-school chain remains your favorite.

Finalists

As last year's Golden Teddy winner, **Portage Bay Cafe** (portagebaycafe.com) still garners raves as a top spot for family breakfasting. With three locations serving up hearty eats made with organic, seasonal ingredients, this busy, contemporary daytime eatery

typically has a line for a reason: It's darned good. Parents agree across the board that the breakfast bar, filled with fresh fruit and other toppings, is a must, as are the "delicious bennies and French toast."

A stalwart institution for many families throughout the country, **Denny's** (dennys.com) continues to attract hungry locals with its inexpensive yet generous plates of traditional comfort grub. Plus, it offers weekly "kids eat free" deals — please tell us if there is anything better than free!

Located in Lynnwood, the **Playdate Café** (playdatecafe.biz) is exactly that — an indoor haven where kids can play and parents can chillax on comfy sofas. Offering Wi-Fi, Caffè Ladro espresso drinks, and a variety of healthy breakfast and lunch meals, this popular venue features a shoe-free "huge play area" for tots, with a custom-made play town, dress-up area and bouncy house.

Hearty, home-style comfort food is the draw at **Meander's Kitchen**, a bustling yet intimate eatery in White Center. The "great food" is definitely "worth the wait" and its "supernice staff" can't be beat. All around, it's a great neighborhood choice for classic eats and a lively, kid-friendly atmosphere.



CROSS-CULTURAL DINING

Although these eateries didn't register quite enough votes to claim a clear winner, we think they're still pretty noteworthy (and delicious!).

If your family is always on the hunt for a new foodie adventure, consider adding these reader-rated 10 to your evolving must-try list:

Azuma Sushi (azumasushiseattle.com): "Low-key environment, great sushi and tempura."

Cafe Ibex (ibexseattle.tripod.com): "Best Ethiopian in Seattle."

Indochine Asian Dining Lounge (indochinedowntown.com): "Great selection of food, exotic décor; my son is always in awe of the decorations, furniture, booths and elephants at Federal Way and fish pond in the Tacoma restaurant."

Saffron Grill (saffrongrillseattle.com): "Exceptional Indian, Mediterranean/Greek and American menus. There's something for everybody, even the pickiest of kids!"

Pearl Bistro (5259 University Way NE): "Owner and host Tony is as sweet as you can get. Great food, great value, fast and very friendly service!" >>

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Pho My Loi (10439 16th Ave. S.W., Seattle): "Noodles, soup, spring rolls, tofu. What more could you want?"

Snappy Dragon (snappydragon.com): "Judy's homemade noodles! Judy's homemade pot stickers! Judy's amazing dipping sauces! Judy's hyper-efficient and friendly staff! Judy, Judy, Judy!"

Sushi Connections

(sushiconnections.com): "Fun to watch the choices go around."

The food court at Uwajimaya

(uwajimaya.com): "So much to choose from, and it keeps everyone happy. Plus, we love to wander the aisles to see what's new."

Yummy Pho (8920 161st Ave. N.E., Redmond): "We honestly go here at least once a month, if not more. My kids are obsessed with their fried rice. It's total comfort food. Affordable, too!" 🌟

food + dining



PIZZA

Winner Tutta Bella
Neapolitan Pizzeria

Finalists:

Mod Pizza
Pritty Boys Family Pizzeria
The Rock
Zeeks Pizza

DOUGHNUTS

Winner Top Pot Doughnuts

Finalists:

Frost
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TREAT SHOPS

Winner Stuffed Cakes

Finalists:

Bakery Nouveau
Cupcake Royale
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ICE CREAM

Winner Molly Moon's

Homemade Ice Cream Shop

Finalists:

Full Tilt Ice Cream
Menchies Frozen Yogurt
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BREAKFAST SPOTS

Winner The Original

Pancake House

Finalists:

Denny's
Meander's Kitchen
Playdate Café
Portage Bay Cafe

*COFFEE SHOPS

Winner Playdate Café

Finalists:

Frog n Kiwi Cafe
Green Bean Coffeehouse
Starbucks (various locations)
Twirl Cafe

*FAMILY-FRIENDLY

RESTAURANTS

Winner Red Robin

Finalists:

Playdate Café
Tutta Bella Neapolitan Pizzeria
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*FOOD TRUCKS

Winner Moonie Ice Tunes

Finalists:

El Camión Seattle
Garden Sushi
Lumpia World
Marination Mobile
Skillet Street Food
Tacos El Asadero

*GROCERY STORES

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(hopscothconsign.com). Carrying a wide range of brand-name kids' apparel, toys and equipment (strollers, high chairs, baby seats and more), this Bellevue

shop also stocks fashionable maternity wear for trendsetting mamas-to-be. Readers rave about this "awesome store" for its "great selection and service,"

"well-organized" selection and "reasonable prices."

Finalists

"Great deals and awesome stuff" are

the draw at the seasonal **Jack & Jill**

Consignment Sale (thejackandjillsale.com)

held at the Lynnwood Convention Center.

Featuring an extensive selection of stylish designer kids' clothing, toys, furnishings and more, this popular sale is noted by readers as having a "great selection with nice stuff." And when the sale is done, the leftover goods are donated to local nonprofits that serve families in need. All in all, a great event that everyone can benefit from!

Childish Things (childishresale.com),

a locally owned Seattle staple since 2008, offers a large variety of gently used children's clothing, toys and gear, plus a selection

of new, brand-name goods.

Parents love this charming outpost for its "non-cluttered, modern" setting, "amazing staff" and "fair prices."

Offering kids' clothing up to size 10, **Little Quadoo Consignment** (quadoos.com),

a secondhand shop in Renton, also stocks maternity wear, toys, furnishings and gear. Local families love the "friendly staff and low prices" and "handmade items by local moms." One reader sums up this shop by stating simply: "They're awesome!"

SHOPPING + SERVICES

Every mindful and thrifty parent seeks the perfect balance of value and style when it comes to outfitting his or her child. And it is not a crazy exercise to trust our collective parent wisdom when it comes to suggesting great gear and products for raising our children. Fellow parents are our best emissaries for determining quality, selection and customer service.

KIDS' CLOTHING + CONSIGNMENT SHOPS



WINNER
HOPSCOTCH CONSIGNMENT BOUTIQUE

TOY STORES



winner

TOP TEN TOYS

An unimpeachable Seattle-area favorite, **Top Ten Toys** (toptentoys.com) features a large selection of classic, hands-on playthings that promote creativity and imagination. Hailed by one voter as "the best toy store in the world," this locally owned, battery-free institution also offers a "play area" and "cool, helpful staff members who are very patient with kiddos messing up the store."

Finalists

Snapdoodle Toys (snapdoodletoy.com) is a toy store that offers free lattes to shopping parents — sounds pretty magical, right? That's exactly what families adore about Snapdoodle (known by local devotees as Snappy's). Offering "quality products" that inspire creativity in a "kid-friendly environment," this funky Kenmore-based shop also features space for birthday parties and regular kids' art classes.

On the hunt for unique, educational playthings? Look no farther than **White Horse Toys** (whitehorsetoys.com)! Located in Issaquah, this celebrated shop provides "an amazing selection" of creative, classic and quirky toys for all ages in a laid-back atmosphere. Parents love the homegrown vibe and note that the staff is incredibly knowledgeable and helpful.

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(hopscothconsign.com) again racks up the votes for its robust toy selection. Providing a well-organized variety of secondhand playthings for babies and kids, this shop is a hit with local families for its low prices and "cute options."

KIDS' HAIRCUTS



CROSSROADS KIDS SALON, DOOZ 4 KIDS

Situated in a popular kids' toy store, **Crossroads Kids Salon** (crossroadskidssalon.com) is truly a one-stop shop for local families. Featuring whimsical car and plane chairs for kids, this contemporary outpost garners raves from parents for its "cheerful," "friendly" staff and "great haircuts."

Bright and upbeat, **Dooz 4 Kids** (dooz4kidz.com) continues to be a fan favorite each and every year. Located in Bellevue Square, this established salon features "patient" and "great

stylists" who "can work with curls," themed children's parties and its own all-natural hair products for tots.

Finalists

Long gone are the days of ol' bowl haircuts! Kids and parents alike give **Bella and Max** (bellaandmax.com) two big thumbs up when it comes to providing great cuts at affordable prices, with a little entertainment thrown into the mix, too. After your child chooses the perfect toy car to sit in, he gets to pop in a feature flick to peruse while getting a stylish new 'do. Now, we can't help but ask, where is the adult version of this neat shop? Voters love the "ease of scheduling online" and the salon's "fun and inviting" atmosphere.

Well loved by local families for its hip setting, **Sharkey's Cuts for Kids** (sharkeycutsforkids.com) offers enjoyable kids' haircuts — with motorized car chairs and video games to boot. This kid-friendly Ballard shop also features a nail salon and birthday party space. Voters also give shout-outs to Sharkey's for its "awesome customer service."

Other great Seattle-area salons

that top the go-to list for cool kid cuts include:

Rudy's Barbershop (rudysbarbershop.com) in Seattle: "No appointment needed. Need I say more?"

Brat Pack Salon (bratpacksalon.com) in Redmond: "The people there are always so patient."

Fun Kuts (fun-kuts.com) in Lynnwood: "We followed TeTe there from Li'l Klippers because she's a pro with boys' cuts."

The Salon at Kid's Club (salonkidsclub.com) in Seattle: "Kid-friendly, quick, with a train table and playground to get the wiggles out first." ★



shopping + services

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Finalists:

Bella and Max
Brat Pack Salon
Fun Kuts
Rudy's Barbershop
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Sharkey's Cuts for Kids

*BABY BOUTIQUES

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Finalists:

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DROP-IN DAY CARE



winner
**PENNY PUMPERNICKEL
PANTS PLAYCARE**

Once again, Ophelia de Serres and all her friends at **Penny Pumpernickel Pants Playcare** (pennypumpernickelpants.wordpress.com) take the cake. Her educational “playcare” for toddlers through preschoolers incorporates outside play, nutritious lunches and snacks, and lots of games, reading and crafts. Parents rave about the educational and organized environment and, consistently, about the “charismatic” owner. As one enthusiastic parent puts it: “Love! It overflows here.” Everyone knows that love makes the world go ‘round, so that sounds reassuring!

Finalists

Readers have enthusiastic reviews for **Adventure Kids Playcare** in Bellevue and Issaquah (web.adventurekidsplaycare.com): “Awesome,” “Offers my kids meals that they’ll eat,” “The kids never want to leave!” say some. **Blossoming Buds Cottage** (blossomingbudscottage.com) also gets high marks: “The staff is wonderful, and my child always has a great time there!” as does **Playdate Café** in Lynnwood (playdatecafe.biz): “My daughter absolutely loves it!” one mom writes.

Rounding out the finalists are **Stroum Jewish Community Center** on Mercer Island (sjcc.org): “Dependable and fun”; and **The Nest** in Woodinville (thenestkids.com): “Super-organized!”

NANNY OR BABYSITTING SERVICES



winner
A NANNY FOR U

For the fourth year running, readers have chosen **A Nanny for U** (anannyforu.com) as their favorite go-to for full-time, part-time or on-call nannies for the Eastside and greater Seattle. This regular winner impresses parents with its “trustworthy, caring, reliable” staff. As one parent attests: “They are the best in the city: professional staff and awesome nannies!” Awesome nannies — exactly what all parents dream of!

Finalists

As always, **Annie’s Nannies, Inc.** (anieseattle.com) ranks high with readers for its personalized placement of expert nannies. “Top-notch service,” says one happy parent. “Gold standard,” says another. Flexibility is always key for child-care backup, which is why loyal parents love **The Seattle Nanny Network, Inc.** (seattlenanny.com), with its experienced and responsive child-care providers (“Best nanny/family matches,” raves one satisfied voter); and **AuPairCare** (aupaircare.com), which matches families in need with affordable, culturally rich child-care solutions.

PARENT EDUCATION + SUPPORT



winner
PEPS



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What would new parents in the Puget Sound area do without it? The thought of a world without **PEPS** (Program for Early Parent Support) seems, well, worse than a four-hour baby crying jag. Luckily, we don't have to imagine it, because this amazing support community is always here for us. "Seattle's jewel of a parenting program!" one reader calls it. For three decades, **PEPS** (peps.org) has helped new parents connect to find relief, answers and friendship during the confusing early days of babydom. "Where you start creates bonds that last," says one parent. "Awesome resource for new parents to feel like they aren't alone in the crazy months of early parenthood," raves another. Bring on the empathy!

Finalists

Sarina Behar Natkin and Melissa Benaroya of **Grow Parenting** (growparenting.com) receive big reviews because "they teach parents how to be both kind and firm!" **South Seattle Community College Parent-Cooperative Preschools** (southseattle.edu/parentcoop) "saved my life over and over again," explains one happy graduate of the preschool and parent education program. And **Hop to Signaroo**, a popular program fostering language communication with babies through American Sign Language (hoptosignaroo.com) is "useful, fun, practical, and it works!"

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As we learn on the job to become better parents, we need all the help we can get! We find it in those nurturing and empowering environments where the non-judgmental wisdom of others — professionals and other parents experiencing our same parenting challenges and rewards — guides and encourages us to be more effective, more compassionate, more calm and confident. Readers were gushing in their appreciation for so many worthy regional parent ed organizations that we expand our list here.

SweetiePie Parenting classes offered in the Seattle area (sweetiepieparenting.com) "Amazing, positive, loving parenting techniques that have made our family life less stressful and more fun!"

Bellevue College Parent Education Program in Bellevue (bellevuecollege.edu/parented) "Fantastic classes, amazing professionals who share their expertise, access to local parenting resources, and tons of opportunities to learn and reflect as a parent."

Community of Mindful Parenting (communityofmindfulparenting.com) "Amazing mindful parenting resource with all sorts of great articles, info on local classes and special events."

Embracing the New Normal in Kirkland (embracingthenewnormal.com) "The facilitator (Wendy Dean) is empathetic, insightful, supportive and caring. There is no judgement in this support group for moms — it is a safe place for moms to meet and share laughs, tears and ideas."

Kelly Hirt, My Twice Baked Potato (mytwicebakedpotato.com) "She is an excellent writer with a unique perception from a standpoint as an educator and parent of a twice-exceptional child. Her complete understanding of her son's needs, shared with both a serious and at times humorous aspect, is both refreshing and thought-provoking."

PEDIATRIC DENTISTS



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LYNNWOOD KIDS DENTIST

A friendly and effective dentist is the dream of all parents. If your child leaves the dental chair happy, it's like money in the tooth bank. For the third year in a row, **Lynnwood Kids Dentist** (kidsdentist.com) and its Dr. Roger Lucas and Dr. Diane Tung win this category for chair-side manner and healthy smiles. "The best preventative care and tips we've ever seen," says one parent. "Fun, painless, nice, happy place!" says another. Now that's worth a prize out of the prize box!

Finalists

Dr. Aimee Kong of **Kirkland Children's Dentistry** (kirklandchildrensdentistry.com) receives high marks for being "thorough and kind."

Dr. Christine Tweedy of **Westside Children's Dentistry** (wskidsdds.com) is well-known in West Seattle for her fun-for-kids approach, and Westside's Dr. Mai Le receives enthusiasm from voters as well.

Dr. Troy Hull's **Greenlake Kids Dentistry** (greenlakekidsdentistry.com) is described as "professional, clean, kind, runs like clockwork, [had] clear expectations and goody bag with child's name on it waiting on exam chair"; and Dr. Kristi Linsenmayer and Dr. Purva Merchant at **Seattle Kids Dentistry** (seattlekidsdentistry.com) receive high marks again this year for their "great work, great people" and "warm and friendly" staff.

PEDIATRICIANS



WINNER
VIRGINIA MASON SAND POINT PEDIATRICS

Finding the perfect doctor is the Holy Grail for parents: someone who understands your parenting philosophy and concerns, and who relates beautifully to your children, from birth to college. Readers have strong feelings about this category (understandably so!), and we combed through one passionate comment after another to tally the top family docs and practices. Here they are!

Parents rave about Dr. Thomas Numrych and the staff as a whole at **Virginia Mason Sand Point Pediatrics** (virginiamason.org/Sand-Point-Pediatrics): "Kids love him, and he is very knowledgeable. Also takes plenty of time with you and is not dismissive of your concerns, big or small," writes one parent. "Amazing nursing staff on

the phone to help troubleshoot problems; amazing doctors on staff that all work together as a team!" writes another. "Trusted for my three kids for 10 years and counting," says one voter. And we all know trust is what it's all about. Great job, docs!

Finalists

Pediatric Associates

(various Eastside locations; mypediatricassociates.com) offers "easy scheduling and caring doctors." **Ballard Pediatrics** (ballardpediatrics.com) features "great staff, quality care" and a fast response time. And **Dr. Gary Spector** at Polyclinic (polyclinic.com) is, as one parent put it, "deeply knowledgeable and funny." When you're talking kids and doctors, you can't beat a funny bone! ★

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*See the full write-up at parentmap.com/golden-teddy

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Greenlake Kids Dentistry
Kirkland Children's Dentistry
Seattle Kids Dentistry
Westside Children's Dentistry

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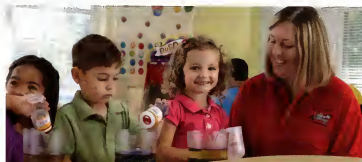
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